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SUMMARY: FIFTH COMMITTEE DEBATE ON SUBJECT RESUMED ON NOV. 21 A.M. WITH STATEMENTS BY POLAND, CZECHOSLAVAKIA, UKRAINE DELS IN SUPPORT OF SOVIET AND CUBA/YEMEN AMEND-MENTS. SWEDEN, AUSTRIA, AND IVORY COAST REPS BACKED BRAZILIAN DRAFT WHILE, PAKISTAN OFFERED QUALIFITED SUPPORT ALONG WITH EXPRESSION OF APPROVAL FOR CUBA/YEMEN AMENDMENT. US REP (BUCHANAN) EXPRESSED HOPE FOR CONSENSUS ON BRAZILIAN DRAFT AS BEST POSSIBLE "COMPROMISE OF COMPROMISES" (STATEMENT POUCHED IO/HENNES). PORTUGAL INTRODUCED SUB-AMENDMENT TO SOVIET DRAFT AMENDMENT WHICH WOULD DROP PORTUGAL FROM DEVELOPED CATEGORY. UNCLASSIFIED

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- 1. IN THEIR STATEMENTS, POLISH, CZECH, AND UKRAINIAN REPS BACKED SOVIET AND CUBA/YEMEN DRAFT AMENDMENTS (A/C.5/L.1137 AND A/C.5/L.1135). POLISH REP CRITICIZED BRAZILIAN DRAFT AS WRITTEN IN HASTE AND VIOLATING PRINCIPLE OF "CAPACITY TO PAY." CZECHOSLOVAK REP THOUGHT THAT BRAZILIAN PROPOSAL WAS TOO ARBITRARY IN FAILING TO MAKE BETTER DISTINCTION BETWEEN MORE DEVEOPED AND LESS DEVELOPED COUNTRIES
- 2. REPS OF SWEDEN, AUSTRIA, PAKISTAN, AND IVORY COAST ALL LENT SUPPORT TO BRAZILIAN DRAFT IN VARYING DEGREES. IN STRESSING "COLLECTIVE RESPONSIBILITY" FOR PEACEKEEPING, SWEDISH DEL SAID HIS COUNTRY WAS NOT VERY HAPPLY THAT 98 PERCENT OF UNEF BUDGET UNDER BRAZILIAN PROPOSAL WOULD BE SHARED BY ONLY 28 COUNTRIES. SOME OF LDC'S WHICH COULD WELL SUPPORT GREATER SHARE WOULD RECEIVE "ENORMOUS REDUCTIONS." IN INTEREST OF COMPROMISE, HOWEVER, HIS DEL WOULD ACCEPT BRAZILIAN DRAFT. HE SPECIFICALLY OBJECTED TO REFERENCE IN ACABQ REPORT A/9314 TO POSSIBLE WAIVING OF EXTRA AND EXTRA-ORDINARY EXPENSES BY COUNTRIES OFFERING CONTINGENTS. AUSTRIAN DEL THOUGHT THAT INTRODUCTION OF OTHER POLITICAL QUESTIONS THROUGH VARIOUS AMENDMENTS WAS NOT "HELPFUL". SHE CONSIDERED CONCEPT OF "COLLECTIVE RESPONSIBILITY" FOR FINANCING UNEF AS PARAMOUNT IN IMPORTANCE IN COMPLYING WITH UN CHARTER. PAKISTAN REP LABELLED BRAZILIAN DRAFT "ADEQUATE." HE SUPPORTED KE/YEMEN AMENDMENT AS "TOKEN GESTURE" WHICH DOES NOT SINGLE OUT ANY COUNTRY FOR BLAME. HE ALSO VIEWED ISRAEL AS DEVELOPED COUNTRY AND ONE WHICH WAS NOT ENTITLED TO SPECIAL REDUCTION IN UNEF SCALE. INVORY COAST REP ARGUED THAT BRAZILIAN DRAFT WAS PRECARIOUS BALANCE OF FACTORS AND AMENDMENTS WERE NOT HELPFUL, ALTHOUGH HE EXLUDED CUBA/ YEMEN AMENDMENT FROM THIS CATEGORY. HE CALLED FOR LARGE MAJORITY TO SUPPORT THE 35 POWER COMPROMISE DRAFT WHICH HIS GOVERNMENT WAS COSPONSORING.
- 3. US DEL (BUCHANAN) FIRST RECOUNTED HISTORY AND LEGAL BASIS FOR CREATION OF UNEF. FIFTH COMMITTEE, HE SAID, SHOULD DEAL ONLY WITH FINANCIAL ASPECTS OF UNEF AND AVOID EXTRANEOUS CNSIDERATIONS WHICH ILL SERVE CAUSE OF PEACE. UNCLASSIFIED

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BUCHANAN THEN CONCURRED IN ACABQ RECOMMENDATIONS CONTAINED A/9314 AND BACKED BRAZILIAN DRAFT AS "COMPROMISE OF COMPROMISES". HE NOTED FURTHER THAT US WOULD HAVE PREFERRED THAT UNEF BE FINANCED UNDER REGULAR SCALE OF ASSESSMENTS. PROPOSED UNEF SCALE IS NOT FULLY OBJECTIVE SCALE BUT RATHER "PEACE AND SECURITY" SCALE DESIGNED TO MEET PARTICULAR NEED. IN SPEAKING OF VARIOUS DRAFT AMENDMENTS, HE POINTED OUT THAT "SPECIAL"

CONSIDERATION" HAD ALREADY BEEN GIVEN TO LDCS, INCLUDING THOSE COUNTRIES WHICH WOULD BE AFFECTED BY CUBA/YEMEN AMENDMENT. THIS AND OTHER AMENDMENTS WOULD AFFECT "DELICATE BALANCE" OF BRAZILIAN DRAFT AND FURTHER ALTERING OF TEXT WOULD ILL-SERVE UN.

4. PORTUGUESE DEL INTRODUCED SUB-AMENDMENT (A/C.5/L.1139) TO SOVIET AMENDMENT WHICH WOULD REMOVE PORTUGAL FROM DEVELOPED CATEGORY AND ADD IT TO CATEGORY (F) OF PARA 2 OF SOVIET DRAFT AMENDMENT (I.E., AMONG LDCS). BENNETT

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